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COMMENDATIONS.

Lieut. W. C. Allison, U.S.Navy, was commended by the Secretary of the Navy for the excellent performance of the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, New York, N.Y., under his command, which attained a final merit of 92.75, the highest mark attained by any Reserve Aviation Base for the fiscal year 1937. As a result of its standing, the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, New York, N. Y., will be awarded the Edwin Francis Conway Memorial Trophy.

Lieut. H. L. Jennings, U.S.Navy, was commended by the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation for the excellent performance of the Naval Reserve Aviation Base, Boston, Mass., under his command during the major portion of the fiscal year, which attained a final merit of 92.25, the second highest mark attained by any Naval Reserve Aviation Base for the fiscal year 1937.

DEGREE FOR NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATES.

Act of Congress approved 8 July 1937 provides:

"That on and after the date of the accrediting of the said academies (U.S.Naval Academy, U.S.Military Academy and the U.S.Coast Guard Academy) by the Association of American Universities the superintendents of the respective academies may, under such rules and regulations as the respective secretaries may make, confer the degree of bachelor of science upon such other living graduates of the said academies as shall have met the requirements of the respective academies for such degree."

In accordance with the above Act, the Secretary of the Navy, on 5 August 1937, established regulations to the effect that upon recommendation of the Academic Board at the Naval Academy, in each case, the Superintendent of the Naval Academy is authorized to confer the degree of Bachelor of Science upon all living graduates who have received, or may hereafter receive, a diploma of graduation from the Naval Academy.

The U. S. Naval Academy was accredited by the Association of American Universities on 25 October 1930. Degrees have already been conferred on graduates of the Naval Academy commencing with the Class of 1931.

The Act of Congress referred to above provides for the conferring of the degree of Bachelor of Science upon graduates of the Naval Academy who graduated prior to 25 October 1930.

The degree of Bachelor of Science referred to above will be conferred only upon those graduates who make application for the degree direct to the Superintendent, U.S.Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Applications should give the full name, address, and date of graduation of the applicant, and rank, if on the active or retired list. This applies also to officers who may have been commissioned in the U.S.Army or the U.S.Marine Corps.

Applications will be acted upon as soon as possible after receipt at the Naval Academy, but some delay may be occasioned at first owing to the large number of applications that may be received.

SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS UPON RETIREMENT.

An increasing number of officers and men are being checked pay for excess cost of shipments incident to retirement. In case of multiple shipments some persons have been required to pay for all except the first because of a misunderstanding of the restrictions.

It is important to note that the Government will ship household effects from any number of points but to only a single destination. The first shipment establishes the precedent of destination. This transportation is authorized from the last duty station or place of storage to such address in the United States as may be specifically designated in the first application regardless of the home address as shown by the records of the Bureau of Navigation.

TRAINING COURSES.

Navy training courses, "Instructions for Use in Preparation for the Rating of Storekeeper third class," and "Instructions for Use in Preparation for the Rating of Signalman third class," are now available for distribution.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL.

The following-named enlisted men died during the month of July, 1937:

CARPENTER, Ellis Randal, Seaman 2c, U.S.N. Died 9 July 1937 by drowning, while attached USS ERIE. Next of kin, father, Mr. Alvah O. Carpenter, Box 101, Hepzibah, W.Va.

CECIL, David King, Fireman 3c, U.S.N. Died 30 July 1937, Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Maude Kennemore, 514 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, S.C.

GILMAN, Louis Anson, Sea.lc, U.S.N. Died 4 July 1937, in Community Hospital, King City, Cal., while on liberty from USS IDAHO. Next of kin, father, Mr. Louis M. Gilman, 492 Thompson Ave., Dillon, Montana.

GINN, Walter Allen, M.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 24 July 1937, Naval Hospital, Puget Sound, Wash. Next of kin, grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Huckaby, Rotan, Texas.

HAMMOND, Kenneth Raymond, Fireman 3c, U.S.N. Died 18 July 1937 in Balboa Park, San Diego, Cal., while on liberty from USS RIGEL. Next of kin, foster-father, Mr. Raymond P. Hammond, 1074 Orange Grove Ave., Burbank, Cal.

HOBBS, Lawrence, C.Ph.M., U.S.N. Died 2 July 1937, Naval Hospital, San Diego, Cal. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Eva Ruth Hobbs, 4588 College Ave., San Diego, Cal.

HOLLINGSWORTH, Charles Wessell, Sea.lc, U.S.N. Died 7 July 1937 at Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Va. (Attached N.T.S., Norfolk, Va.) Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Charlie Grey Hollingsworth, 405 East Main Street, Washington, N.C.

LOCKWOOD, Paul Alonzo, Chief Radioman, U.S.N. Died 24 July 1937 at Brooklyn, N.Y. (Attached Receiving Ship, New York.) Next of kin, brother, Mr. Forrest M. Lockwood, Peoria, Ohio.

DECEASED ENLISTED PERSONNEL (contd).

MARSH, Harry Clark, M.M.1c, U.S.N. Died 23 July 1937 at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Lois M. Marsh, 139 Georgia St., Vallejo, Cal.

MEACH, Clyde Douglas, Fireman 1c, U.S.N. Died 22 July 1937, by accidental drowning, in Oswego Lake, Portland, Oregon, while on leave from the USS MEMPHIS. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Elsie M. Meach, 6319 Northeast Prescott St., Portland, Oregon.

MEYERS, William Herman, Sea.1c, U.S.N. Died 9 July 1937 in airplane crash in Puget Sound, north of Seattle, Wash. (Attached VO-1B USS ARIZONA) Next of kin, guardian, Judge Robert R. Miller, Juvenile Court, Otis St., San Francisco, Cal.

MULIENNAX, William Earl, Fireman 2c, U.S.N. Died 25 July 1937 by drowning, in Lost Lake, near Shelton, Wash., while on leave from USS CHICAGO. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Louis M. Herbert, 3714 5th Ave., S. Billings, Mont.

MURPHY, Charles Edwin, Shipfitter 2c, U.S.N. Died 15 July 1937 at U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Cal. Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Jesse E. Knowles, 914 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, Idaho.

ROBERTS, Jim Tom, Chief Water Tender, U.S.N. Died 6 July 1937 aboard USS CANOPUS at Tsingtao, China. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Stella V. Roberts, Donalsonville, Ga.

SHOCKLEY, Robert Harris, Radioman 1c, U.S.N. Died 11 July 1937, U.S. Naval Hospital, Charleston, S.C. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Lottie D. Shockley, 210 B Street, North Charleston, S.C.

SMITH, Carl George, Fireman 2c, U.S.N. Died 26 July 1937 at U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Cal. Next of kin, father, Mr. Nathan Edward Smith, Pearl Street Road, Batavia, N.Y.

STOGNER, Julian, Coxswain, U.S.N. Died 13 July 1937, at sea, off Santa Barbara Island. (Attached USS MISSISSIPPI.) Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Helen Stogner, 1716 Lemon Ave., Long Beach, Cal.

THOMAS, Minzea Lester, Ship's Cook 1c, U.S.N. Died 28 July 1937 at Nantucket, Mass. (Attached Direction Finder Station, Surfside, Nantucket, Mass.) Next of kin, daughter, Miss Hazel M. Thomas, Orlando, Fla. (Only address available)

WIDNER, John, M.M.2c, U.S.N. Died 27 July 1937 at U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, Cal. Next of kin, wife, Mrs. Jennie Widner, 400 Charles St., Fall River, Mass.

BILLS OF HEALTH - U.S. NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.

The Commandant, U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, reports that an increasing number of naval vessels, particularly those not having a commissioned medical officer on board, arrive in Guantanamo Bay from a port of the continental United States without having procured a bill of health from their last port of call.

BILLS OF HEALTH - U.S. NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA (contd).

Attention is invited to paragraph 7 of General Order No. 25 in which Guantanamo Bay is construed to be a foreign port. Bills of health, therefore, are required for naval vessels arriving at as well as departing from this port, in accordance with paragraphs 2834 and 2835, Manual of the Medical Department.

VENEREAL DISEASES - PUNITIVE MEASURES CONCERNING.

1. General Order No. 97 and Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 21-37 removed certain punitive measures formerly assigned in connection with cases of venereal diseases. These changes in regard to punitive measures were instituted because the previous orders and instructions have failed to accomplish the desired results, which are:

- (a) Reduction of infection through indoctrination.
- (b) Minimization of duration and after effects of infection.
- (c) Elimination of possible infection of other parties, both ashore and afloat.

2. The previous orders and instructions on this subject have failed to accomplish the objects, primarily because of:

- (a) The ineffectiveness of the prescribed prophylaxis due to the delay in its use.
- (b) The ineligibility for advancement by reason of low marks in Proficiency and Conduct as the result of infection.

The previous orders and instructions not only operated in opposition to the accomplishment of the objectives, but in addition furnished the incentive for concealment of the diseases.

3. Therefore, after consultation with the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, the decision was reached that venereal infections should be treated in the same light as other infections, that is, as a disease, and not an offense against discipline. The disciplinary measures formerly invoked in these cases have therefore been removed, with the exception of loss of pay for time absent from duty.

4. The loss of pay during the time absent from duty is a legal and not a departmental requirement. The section of the Revised Statutes in regard to loss of pay is quoted for information:

"Sec. 2 (Absence due to venereal disease; forfeiture of pay)
That hereafter no person in active service in the military or naval service who shall be absent from his regular duties for more than one day at any time on account of the direct effects of a venereal disease due to his own misconduct, shall, except as hereafter provided, be entitled to any pay, as distinguished from allowances, for the period of such absence; Provided, That such absence is within a period of one year following the appearance of the initial symptoms of such venereal disease and regardless of whether the appearance of the initial symptoms

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occurs prior or subsequent to the date of entry into the service.
(44 Stat. 557, Ch. 302)."

In connection with the above, attention is invited to Article D-8015(3) of the Bureau of Navigation Manual.

5. It is expected that the medical statistics will show a decided increase in admissions, but the actual number of infections will probably be no greater. The medical officer will treat cases, with better and more permanent results to the individual concerned, than otherwise would be treated ashore. If the personnel are properly instructed in regard to the objectives listed in paragraph one above, they will not permit one of their number to expose others to possible infection by concealment of the disease. A proper presentation of the situation should convince the individuals affected that the loss of pay involved is considerably less than the fee of a civilian physician, and that the danger of serious after effects is so great that early and proper treatment by the Navy medical officer is well worth while.

HOSPITALIZATION BY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

The following letter has been received from the Veterans Administration under date of 17 July 1937, and is published for the information of the service:

"The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

"I have the honor of addressing you on the subject which has been brought to my attention by several of the field stations of this Administration.

"This subject concerns the release of information from the various Corps Headquarters of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy Department, regarding entitlement of transferred Members of the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve and the Fleet Naval Reserve to hospitalization in Facilities of this Administration without the payment of the applicable per diem rate charged retired personnel of the Regular Establishments.

"A specific instance is cited, wherein Chester L. Fordney, United States Marine Corps Headquarters, Central Reserve Area, Chicago, Illinois, advised Earl F. Strickland, Marine Corps Reservist, 1901 Robinson Avenue, Portsmouth, Ohio, that he was entitled to hospitalization as a beneficiary of the Veterans Administration without charge, and suggested that he make application for a refund of the amount of \$20.30 paid to the Veterans Administration Facility, Huntington, West Virginia, for hospitalization from April 14 to May 15, 1936.

"Retired officers and enlisted men of the armed forces of the United States are required to pay a per diem rate, the equivalent of that charged when hospitalized in hospitals under the jurisdiction of the War Department or Navy Department, and it has been held consistently that transferred Members of the Fleet Naval Reserve and transferred Members of the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve,

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who are in receipt of retainer's pay must pay the applicable per diem rate, unless authority for such hospitalization has been issued by you pursuant to the Act of January 19, 1929.

"It will be deeply appreciated if you will bring this matter to the attention of the proper officials in your service, in order that misunderstandings and apparent conflicts in information released by different Government Agencies may be avoided.

"Respectfully,

/s/ Frank T. Hines
Administrator."